

**Meriwether Lewis to Thomas Jefferson, June 27,  
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Philadelphia June the 27th 1807.

Dear Sir.

I transmit you by Genl Dearborn your ring and Majr. Randolph's watch. The ring has been reset with the addition of four new brilliants. Knowing it to be a family piece, I directed the workman to reset it in the same stile it formerly was, but regardless of the charge he took the liberty of consulting his own taste on the subject and has made it such as I fear will not prove pleasing to you.

The watch of Mrs. Randolph is in readiness and shall be forwarded by Mr. Gallatin whom I hourly expect from New York on his way to the city of Washington.

Your watch is not yet repaired altho' she was put in the possession of Mr. Voight immediately on my arrival at this place; my visits to him on that subject have not been unfrequent since, and he has after many apologies for having retained her so long promised me that she shall be ready in the course of a few days; should I not meet with an earlier opportunity I shall bring her with me on my return to Washington about the 15th of the next month.

Mr. Briggs has not called nor can I learn that he has yet been in Philadelphia.

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I sincerely regret the loss you sustained in the articles you shipped for Richmond; it seems peculiarly unfortunate that those at least, which had passed the continent of America and after their exposure to so many casualties and risks should have met such destiny in their passage through a small portion only of the Chesapeake.

Mr. Peal is preparing for you the head and horns of the American Argali or big horn, which as soon as complete shall be forwarded to Mr. George Jefferson at Richmond. With the most sincere and unalterable friendship Your Obt. Servt.

Meriwether Lewis

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